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Harold,

How in the world did you get the nick-name 'Happy Harold'? Everything I do or say seems to bring out the curmudgeon in you. I really do not see the need to upbraid and attack quite the way you do...but as there is only one Harold Weisberg and I think he can be of help to my research, I will persist..... *AND MIKE TO YOU!

If you are quite convinced that you know all the details of the assassination of JFK and all its players, and that every letter like mine have been and will always be B.S. unworthy of your attention, and that many persons have not died of odd accidents and strange suicides and (un)natural causes...then just throw this letter away.....

Perhaps I am wrong.....perhaps my source (X) is nuts or a dis-information agent....perhaps, but nothing I've seen....including your letters convinces me of that....quite the opposite-things look more and more convincing....and, yes, I do play devil's advocate and have been very skeptical of X and often challenge and doubt them.

There is much I could learn from you (the reason I attempted this communication), but I already sense there are some few things you could also learn from me. Your comment/question on X not going before the Iran/Contra Committee is not totally clear to me, but seems to indicate you are not aware that that committee was wedded to the truth as much as the Warren Commission...or Watergate Investigations...or RFK investigations. No X did not testify. He is cited in The Fish Is Red (for his pre and post Castro gun-running for the CIA); in Out Of Control for his Iran/Contra involvement and in a recent article published here in a West Coast magazine detailing his Iran/Contra involvement all of which was reviewed by a Senator, who wishes to remain nameless at this time (people have asked me for their confidentiality too!). That Senator went to Central America to investigate the allegations and missed being killed by a bomb by yards! Bill Casey apologized for the near miss....saying the bomb, while CIA was destined for another target....yeah right, Bill. This Senator passed the information and maps of missions by X to some Senate committees and it made it through the White House too! X has also testified before the Church Committee and HSCA - but totally evaded all involvement outside of past missions related to anti-Castro activities. SINCE then they have had a rather profound change of heart.

No X is definitely NOT either Hall nor Hemming....though X knew both.

Your point about the documents being on Hoover's desk have their merits. I'll take a risk, Harold, and send you copies of two of the documents I have so far. I have only removed X's names and aliases from the documents - all else is as I received them. I would like your trained eye and experience in interpreting them, authenticating them and help in getting others....in the near future (should you decide I and X are not nutty fruitcakes).

As to my paranoia....I make decisions about my own life and I would like to live to your age, Harold. I have reason to believe that X (and I by association) take GREAT risk in getting X's story out. Many that X worked with and knew are dead....of often very strange circumstances. Even X's lawyer from a related matter of some years ago is dead by 'suicide' a la G.d M., and others. So, I will continue to be very careful with the information and who has it and what is done with it - sorry, but I am not as visible as you and my 'strange' death would go unnoticed to all but my family, a few friends and maybe, now, you.

If I'm wrong in my evaluation of X and his information, you can laugh and I'll be very ashamed before many more than just you. If your wrong (and others feel as you do too) and I disregard my better judgement.....I'm in trouble, at least, and X's life aint worth \$.10!

X is a decent person trying to come to terms with much of what they have done and seen and the lies they have been told. X did not see most of this as lies earlier on. Somehow....somehow X, though they played (I believe) an important role in 11/22/63...and though they were known to some investigations...NEVER has been asked (nor before this offered) the relevant questions/information!

X spent ~~2~~ months in prison in the period immediately after the ~~ALMOST 2~~ events in Dallas. X believes this was to make them unavailable to the Warren Commission and to give a warning against talking...which they had attempted to friends. Documentation on that did exist...and should still exist..if it hasn't been 'sanitized'. Bud Fensterwald somehow obtained in two (!!!!!) weeks a thick pile of documents on X, but when he confronted X seemed to miss the real story! We are attempting now to get copies of those documents without causing a stir or undue suspicion. As you no doubt know Bud, please do not at this time share this with him. I am one of those (no doubt to you, hopeless paranoids) who harbor doubts (not proof) of Fensterwalds connections to the intelligence establishment...mostly though his client list! Indulge me.....

As to the documents enclosed: They have been copied a number of times by X and have degraded some, but think they are still workable. You would be best able to evaluate all the little notations on sides. I would be most appreciative for any details you can give on who read, sent, etc. these documents. Also, what primer on FBI file numbers do I need? A few of the dark marks were made by highlighter pen by X, as were a few notes, I believe (such as 4-66/Omega 7). He often puts such notes to refresh his memory. The two page document we believe to be an attempt (or summary of such attempts) to coverup and create a new reality for the real destination of flights xx/xx/63!...as he did NOT fly to Albuquerque.....NO WAY!!!! Jose..... THIS INFORMATION IS ALREADY WAY BEYOND THE POINT THAT COULD GET X AND I IN LETHAL TROUBLE, SO PLEASE KEEP THIS ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL AND BETWEEN WE TWO!!!!!!!!!! I am working as quickly as possible to come to a point where I do NOT have to play this game of secrecy....but I'm not there yet...not until we get a few more documents and confirmations of X's information and financial backing for the book. (Not for personal gain!..he nor I..!)

One page document just testifies to X's involment in Cuba.

Page two of the two-pager is (we believe) the FBI's attempts to portray X as less than upstanding, more than suspect of criminal activity and of danger to the U.S National Security State. All he ever did of a criminal or suspicious nature HE DID ON DIRECT ORDERS of the very same National Security State!

The SAs referenced in the document flew in from D.C, were very high level and threatened X that he had better stop with his story - or else!!!! and then HIT X!!!!!!...no I wasn't there, Harold...but I do have reason to trust X and you don't have to....but I think you will.....are you a betting man? Maybe...just maybe a significant, heretofore generally unknown aspect of the events surrounding 11/22/63 remains within the information I allude to! I know you are more than skeptical on this prospect....but I am not!

Yes, your right in saying that if true much of the documentation never existed an/or was altered. We are well aware of this, but know of the existance of some relevant documentation and believe others exist if obtained 'carefully'. Once the 'Thought Police' get wind of what we are trying to get and why....it will disappear!...ergo my 2nd reason hesitency with info! I believe we already lost some things in Florida fo due to carelessness on my or Gaeton's behalf...can't yet tease it out.

It is now 7/11. I've let the letter so far sit on my desk and cool, as have I. I guess I don't react so well to all of the skepticism, but I DO understand it! Anyway, there have been some positive developments. I will in the next two weeks receive over 400 pages of de-classified documents on X - these being the ones I mentioned Fensterwald had had. I am getting them from another researcher who had copies. Once I get them I will forward to you relevant ones for your comments on them. I, myself have not seen them but have been told that they describe X's black operations background and include a flight plan for the day in question....though altered somewhat from the actual. X and I believe we can eventually document the real flight plan.

As to X having been a roommate of Ferrie - it was way back when in Florida during Bay of Pigs time. Around the same time and place X met Oswald. T.B.=Tracy Barnes from the last letter. X insists he saw T.B. in Dallas and had reason to know exactly what he looked like in the flesh. Yes, I agree many of the things I mention are outside of normal 'tracecraft', which I'm very familiar with, but much was - Nixon being in Dallas, the public execution, the open mistakes, coverups, lies...

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Fletcher Prouty has independent information as to T. Barnes being there. I don't think they were so much operational that day....they just had to watch from close by...for their own perverse pleasure...but THAT is pure speculation.

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Well, I've obviously let this letter sit awhile. I was told that 400+ pages of X's '105' file were on their way. I was waiting to send some of that along....but everyone in this line of work seems tied up by O. Stone's interviews for his new movie on Dallas!

I will be going to Europe on August 2nd to lecture again for some two months or so. There I also work on Olof Palme assassination research. You can write me there c/o Jan Thomas Odegard, ISLA, Tøyengata 25, 0578 Oslo 5, Norway. I hope you will. (write here if you think it will catch me.)

Re-reading this letter I wish I had the time and energy to re-do it. Pardon my grumpiness. Actually, we may have an offer for publication and things seem to be going better. I have NO doubt that when I can send you the documentation (with the names on!) and explain fully the person's story you will stop being so full of doubt. Upon my return we hope to go full steam on the research and writing.

I hope for just a short while longer you will give me the benefit of the doubt - I'm sure you're still (with good reason) skeptical. ~~X~~ X played a minor, yet PIVOTAL role in Dallas 11/22/63, I believe. It is a piece of the puzzle, that while small makes the big picture much clearer.

Enclosed is an article about X's Iran Contra involvement. His last name has been removed on the copies. Senator Hart is willing to testify as to his belief in the story - Iran Contra and Dallas etc. Please do not contact Hart at this time, however. Another member of Congress is about to subpoena X for their committee investigating matters related to Iran/Contra. We are NOT too happy about this and wonder what X's public exposure then will do!!! X had a long and friendly relationship with Senator Schweiker in the past.

Anyway. Best to you despite your skepticism. Circumstances have forced me to play a very stupid game. The time is quickly coming when X will be in the NYT pages...not for Dallas (I hope), but for more recent stuff. Those that employed him on 11/22/63 must be even more nervous than I that the information of his past will get out now!!!!!! I hope to be able to get you complete information on X soon. Please bear with us.....Hope your recovery is going well. Let me know your comments - no matter how skeptical.

Sincerely,

Pardon all the typos - new typewriter and some different spacing on the keys.

P.S. Do you have or know someone who does have a Dallas 1963 phone directory?

P.P.S. Have more recent information on B. Fensterwald that he may not be anything more than he seems to be. You know him well and I would trust your judgement. His being a lawyer for McCord, though, gives one pause....CIA people don't even go to un-approved dentists! ...let alone lawyers!

P.P.P.S. In your massive files you might already have much on X. In any case, we will need to do FOIA and other document accessing moves in the Winter. your advise and/or help would be most appreciated, if your ever interested.